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printed as separate stories in the *Atlantic Monthly*) cover a range of objects bounded only by the interests of an active child's mind. Experiences in school and in the fairyland of books, vacation escapades and rainy-day amusements follow each other in rapid succession, and are all suffused with the glow of youthful enthusiasm and freshened by the prairie breeze. It is impossible to give even a vague idea of the fascinations of such a combination. The book must be read to be appreciated.

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A BEGINNER'S STAR-BOOK. By Kelvin McKready. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. $2.50 net.

Handsomely printed, splendidly illustrated with specially prepared plates and many useful charts, attractively and simply written, this volume should fulfil the hopes of the author in proving of service not only to the general reader but to classes in school or college, as a simple observation manual for supplementary use. From such authorities as Professor Max Wolf, director of the Königsstuhl Observatory, Heidelberg; M. Puiseux, of the Observatory of Paris; and Sir David Gill, the book has received the fullest endorsement both as regards its accuracy and its clearness of presentation. A pathetic interest attaches to this *Beginner's Star-Book*, for it marked the end of a useful and varied career. Kelvin McKready was the pen name of Edgar Gardner Murphy, a sketch of whom appeared in the October issue of the REVIEW.

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PLANE SURVEYING. By W. G. Raymond. Cincinnati and New York: American Book Company.

Already well and favorably known to surveyors and engineers alike, this book by Dean Raymond, now appearing in a new edition completely revised and brought up to date, will be heartily welcomed. Part of the subject-matter is rearranged and presented in attractive form; as, for example, a new chapter entitled "Meridian, Latitude, and Time," and a new explanation of the collimation adjustment of the transit. The volume is issued in pocket-book size, bound in leather with flexible cover.